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TO DEA HQS WASHDC PRIORITY

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DEA HQS FOR EOI AND IG; STATE FOR S/NM AND NEA/PB; ANKARA,  
TEHRAN ISLAMABAD AND KARACHI FOR DEA FROM SAIC PETTIT

1. DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 1, 1975, SAIC PETTIT AGREED TO  
DEA SUPPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION BEING PROPOSED FOR INVIT-  
ATION BY THE UNITED NATIONS NARCOTIC ADVISOR AND HIS AFGHAN  
POLICE COUNTERPARTS IN THE ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT (ASU). THAT  
SUPPORT TO TAKE THE FORM OF REWARDS  
FOR THE PROSPECTIVE

INFORMANTS TO BE DEVELOPED. SINCE THE PROPOSED INVESTIGA N  
PROMISED TO RESULT IN THE POSSIBLE SEIZURE OF MULTI-TON  
QUANTITIES OF OPIUM, SAIC PETTIT AGREED TO FURNISH A REWARD  
OF US\$3.00 PER KILOGRAM SEIZED WITH THE TOTAL REWARD NOT  
TO EXCEED US\$5,000.00. (SUCH REWARD TO BE PAID FROM SPECIAL  
AFGHAN ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS.)

2. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 8, 1975, ASU PERSONNEL ACTING  
UPON INFORMATION FROM THE INFORMANTS DEVELOPED DUE TO THE  
DEA SUPPORT SEIZED 127 BAGS, EACH CONTAINING ABOUT ONE  
"SEER" OF RAW OPIUM, (ONE SEER EQUALS 7.5 KILOGRAMS) FOR  
AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 952 KILOGRAMS OR 2096 POUNDS. EACH  
"SEER" WAS WRAPPED IN WHITE MUSLIN AND FURTHER SEALED IN  
PASTEL-COLORED PLASTIC BAGS. THE BAGS WERE SECRETED IN COMP-  
ARTMENTS OVER THE CAB AND IN THE FLOOR OF THE BED OF A LARGE  
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STAKE-BED TRUCK THAT WAS TRAVELLING FROM KABUL TO GHAZNI

(A PROVINCIAL CAPITOL ABOUT 90 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KABUL).  
THE SUSPECT VEHICLE AND ITS TWO OCCUPANTS WERE TAKEN INTO  
CUSTODY AND DISCREETLY HELD AT KABUL PENDING THE  
POSSIBLE SEIZURE OF AN ADDITIONAL LOAD BELONGING TO THE SAME  
PRINCIPAL.

3. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 10, 1975, ASU PERSONNEL  
ACTING UPON FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE SAME INFORMANTS  
MADE A NEAR-IDENTICAL SEIZURE IN THE SAME AREA. ON THAT  
OCCASION 117 "SEER" BAGS OF RAW OPIUM WERE SEIZED WHEN FOUND  
SIMILARLY CONCEALED IN A SECOND STAKE-BED TRUCK, (117 SEER  
EQUALS ABOUT 878 KILOGRAMS OR 1932 POUNDS) THUS BRINGING  
THE TOTAL OPIUM SEIZED IN THIS INVESTIGATION TO DATE TO ABOUT  
1830 KILOGRAMS OR 4028 POUNDS.

4. ALL PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE SEIZED OPIUM  
WAS PRODUCED IN THE NORTHEASTERN AREA OF AFGHANISTAN OR THE  
NORTHWESTERN AREA OF PAKISTAN AND WAS INTENDED FOR ULTIMATE  
DELIVERY TO IRAN. (MUCH OF THE SEIZED OPIUM IS STILL MOIST  
AND PLIABLE INDICATING ITS RECENT COLLECTION.)

5. INVESTIGATION AND INTERROGATIONS OF PRISONERS ARE CONT-  
INUING WITH A VIEW TO THE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION AND DETER-  
MINATION OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PRINCIPAL WHOSE ARREST  
IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

6. DEA'S DOCUMENTATION AND COLLECTION OF SAMPLES IS IN  
PROGRESS AND DETAILED INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS  
WILL BE SUBMITTED ASAP.

7. THE WHOLESALE VALUE, IN AFGHANISTAN, OF THESE SEIZURES  
IS NEARLY FOUR MILLION AFGHANIS (ABOUT US\$70,000) THUS THE  
DEA REWARD INVOLVED IS EXPECTED TO REPRESENT ONLY ABOUT SEVEN  
PERCENT OF THE WHOLESALE VALUE. ALTHOUGH THERE REMAINS SOME  
POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL SEIZURES IN THIS CASE, THE DEA  
REWARD WILL NOT EXCEED US\$5,000.

8. AS FAR AS OUR RECORDS SHOW, THESE ARE THE LARGEST SEIZURES  
MADE BASED UPON A PLANNED REPEAT PLANNED NARCOTIC INVESTIGATION  
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IN RECENT AFGHAN HISTORY. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS CASE  
CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES INCREASING AFGHAN WILL TO SUPPRESS THE  
TRAFFIC AND THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUING AND SUBSTANTIAL  
USG SUPPORT OF THE TYPE JUST DESCRIBED.  
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